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UPCOMING EVENTS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Resurfacing Division has scheduled the conclusion of the final phase of resurfacing for **Beverly Glen Blvd from Greendale Drive to Sunset Blvd for Saturday May 14, 2016**. The asphalt is to be laid on Saturday May 14th. On that day crews will begin diverting traffic at 6:00am but will begin the paving operation at 7:00am with a goal to be completed before 5:00pm that day.

The Department will only allow local traffic, but no through traffic between Greendale Drive and Sunset Blvd. The segment will be completely closed on Saturday when the paving is placed.

Message boards have been placed at the top of Mulholland Drive and bottom of Sunset Blvd to inform drivers. Drivers traveling south on Beverly Glen Drive will be routed to use Greendale Drive and those

CITY COUNCIL APPROVES 80% BY 2050 CLIMATE TARGET

On Wednesday, May 11 (practically the eve of one of the largest planned climate change marches in Los Angeles history), the Los Angeles City Council unanimously approved a motion by Councilmember Koretz to establish the City's official target of reducing its greenhouse gas emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050, and directing City departments to create climate action plans to meet the interim goals -- stronger than the California State goals -- set by Mayor Garcetti in Executive Directive #7, his Sustainable City pLAN:

By 2025, reduce GHG emissions 45% below 1990 levels;

By 2035, reduce GHG emissions 60% below 1990 levels;

By 2050, reduced GHG emissions 80% below 1990 levels.

Councilmember Koretz said. "Climate change isn't happening off in some unknown future, it is happening here, it's happening now, it's happening to us, to real people, in real time, and we must do absolutely everything in our power to stop it while we still can."

Councilmember Koretz was joined at a press conference preceding the vote by another strong climate emissions reductions advocate on the City Council, Councilmember Bob Blumenfield.

driving from Sunset Blvd will not be able to turn onto Beverly Glen between the hours posted above.

As always, any emergency response vehicles will be given full access to their destination. With high expectations the Department expects to complete this project within the days indicated. Our office will also inform the local Homeowner Associations, Neighborhood Watch groups and Neighborhood Council to help spread the word. We hope you can also help us spread the word to the community.

Thank you for your time and feel free to contact the resurfacing division at [818-756-8651](tel:818-756-8651).

Send us your news and events!
If you or your community group have any upcoming events that you would like to see featured in our next newsletter or on my website, please e-mail me at paul.koretz@lacity.org.

Please feel free to send this newsletter along to your friends and neighbors and tell them to visit the CD 5 website at <http://cd5.lacity.org> to sign up for this newsletter.

The March to Break Free from Fossil Fuels, launched by 350.org, will take place on Saturday, May 14, 2016, 1pm at Los Angeles City Hall. The stated goal of the march is to stop oil and gas drilling in LA neighborhoods and to keep fossil fuels in the ground. Los Angeles is home to the nation's largest urban oil field. Speakers will include renowned climate activist, Bill McKibben, and billionaire climate activist, Tom Steyer. More information can be found at la.breakfree2016.org

In December at the Paris COP, 195 countries adopted the first-ever universal, legally-binding global climate deal to take action to keep the average global climate temperature below 1.5°C. In February, global average temperatures broke 1.5°C of warming. On March 21, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), issued a report warning that climate change is occurring at an "alarming rate" and that world leaders must act to curb greenhouse gases now, "before we pass the point of no return." Far more needs to be done to limit the worst impacts of climate disruption, which will disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of color. With the approval of this motion Los Angeles will once again demonstrate its national leadership in taking action against climate disruption. The city is already transitioning away from carbon-burning fuels and making major investments in clean energy technology that creates jobs, builds the economy, and provides reliable, pollution-free energy.

Jackie Goldberg speaks

The most recent issue of our "Hi 5" newsletter gave significant coverage to Mayor Garcetti's April 29th Executive Directive (15th), which provided a strategic hiring plan for the city to increase its efficiency and equity in hiring while restoring core city services.

Because this plan is so very important to L.A.'s future, Hi 5 sought some additional insights from Jackie Goldberg, the former School Boardmember, Councilmember and Assemblymember who has been a consultant to the mayor's office on this effort.

First, though, we should note that Los Angeles, like most governmental jurisdictions across the nation, was forced to make significant cuts due to the Great Recession that came with the bursting of the housing bubble in 2007. Now, following years of slow but steady economic recovery, the mayoral administration is preparing to hire thousands of new employees in order to restore a wide array of important city services. The mayor's office is also looking ahead to the years to come, which are filled with a massive number of

looming retirements due to the aging of the current workforce. The mayor's Executive Directive calls for hiring more than 5,000 new civilian employees over the next three years, while providing greater outreach, access and training regarding job opportunities, as they relate to L.A.'s most underemployed communities — including veterans, the formerly incarcerated and disconnected youth. The plan also instructs city departments to identify and utilize technological advances and efficiencies in order to improve the delivery of services.

Ms. Goldberg noted that, "Obviously, the most important thing to everyone is the restoration of services cut because of the Great Recession. That's the first goal. And in order to restore service, we have to restore positions. Here, the wonderful decision was that we weren't just going to restore positions, but would reinvent the way we do this in order to give people more access to getting jobs than they had before, while also getting more efficiency. So this is a restructuring, because each department has been directed to restructure how to deliver services, in order not just to restore those services but to make their delivery more efficient."

"I am enthused by the response of city departments," Goldberg said, "and especially that of the Personnel Department — and I am likewise enthused by the workforce center directors, and also the community's response from the community college school district and community-based organizations. I am particularly grateful for the leadership of the mayor and the leadership of the council. What is going on is a real revolution in how the city will be hiring, not just this group of 5,000 jobs but also restructuring how hiring will go on in this city in the future. This will give greater access to lots of people who have need for jobs and are able to do these jobs, but who for one reason or other have not been able to gain access to such jobs." Indeed, Councilmember Koretz called the Executive Directive "a fine mix of the practical and the visionary, which are the best ingredients to achieve a recipe for future success."

Without a doubt, Jackie Goldberg has had an extensive and vibrant life in public service, as an activist and in numerous governmental arenas. She said of this latest effort, "This really takes into account a variety of parts of my life. I worked on these kinds of issues in the state assembly, and in the City Council — I helped create the first vocational worker civil service positions — and on the school board. This is like putting the pieces of my life together, so I find this very satisfying."

Councilmember Koretz speaking at a press conference. To his right is Councilmember Paul Krekorian and to his left Mayor Eric Garcetti. Seen over his

right shoulder is Jackie Goldberg.

A public transportation milestone

On May 9th, there was a preview, showcase journey of Phase 2 of the Expo light rail from the Culver City station near National and Venice, to the terminus station which marks the end of the line, at Colorado and 4th Street in Santa Monica. On hand were many members of the media, as well as Metro Board members and elected officials including Mayor Eric Garcetti, L.A. County Supervisors Mark Ridley-Thomas and Don Knabe, and various City Councilmembers including L.A. City Councilmember Paul Koretz and Culver City Councilmember Meghan Sahli-Wells. The ride took approximately 20 minutes each way, and it was a smooth and easy trip.

Next Friday, May 20th, is when Phase 2 begins its regular public usage, and there will be celebratory events to mark the occasion. Watch for the next Hi 5 newsletter for details, in case you want to come and enjoy the history and festivities!

Budget Committee wraps up work on City spending plan

On Friday, May 13, the City Council Budget and Finance Committee wrapped up its work and sent an amended version of the Mayor's proposed budget forward to the full Council for consideration. Councilmember Koretz was pleased with the results, which reflected several of his key priorities in the areas of public safety, the environment, preserving the integrity of our neighborhoods (including through the funding of planning staff for implementing Historic Preservation Overlay Zones) animal welfare, and combating homelessness.

Among the significant features of the new budget are plans to move 125 police officers out of desk jobs and into patrol cars, additional staffing for the Los Angeles Fire Department, implementation funding for a Wildlife Corridor Plan, money to complete an environmental study of the impact of outdoor cats and \$70 million in funds for services for the homeless. The balanced \$8.7 billion budget also features the largest "rainy day" reserve fund in the City's history, \$334 million.

The budget is scheduled to be presented to the full Council on Wednesday, May 17 and given full consideration on Thursday,

May 18.

Neighborhood Council members visit City Hall

Councilmember Koretz and his staff constantly visit neighborhood councils, to meet up and discuss local and municipal issues -- but it's equally true that members of neighborhood councils frequently come to City Hall to share views, questions and concerns. On May 3, Debra George and Patricia Bates of the Encino Neighborhood Council stopped by the 5th District office in City Hall, and were greeted by Chief of Staff Joan Pelico.

Chief of Staff Joan Pelico greeting new President of the Encino Neighborhood Council, Debra George (middle) and Treasurer, Patricia Bates (right).

In the community

Councilmember Koretz and his staff always enjoy the meetings of our fine neighborhood and community organizations. At such gatherings, important concerns, questions, information and ideas get shared and very often, potential solutions are proposed and discussed. Recent meetings have included the Holmby Westwood Property Owners Association Annual, and the final meeting of the Westwood Neighborhood Council's 2015-2016 board. Congratulations and a huge thanks go to everyone who gives of themselves and their time and energies to serve as community leaders and activists.

Certificates were presented to the 2015-16 Westwood Neighborhood Council Board.

Holmby Westwood POA President, Sandy Brown, receives Certificate of Appreciation from Councilmember Koretz.

Councilmember speaking at Holmby Westwood Property Owners Association.

Upcoming events in CD 5!





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